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SUBJECT: MCCLELLAN CASE

SUMMARY: SOVIET MILITIA OFFICERS PREVENTED MRS. IRINA MCCLELLAN FROM ENTERING THE RESIDENCE OF VICE CONSUL ROBERT PRINGLE, DESPITE FIRM AND REPEATED PROTESTS OF CONSOFF AND HIS WIFE. CONSOFF THEN DROVE MRS. MCCLELLAN TO A FRIEND, AND ENCOUNTERED HEAVY SURVEILLANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. UPON RETURNING HOME FROM SHEREMET'EVO AIRPORT AT 2000 ON SEPTEMBER 8, CONSOFF FOUND HIS WIFE, WHO WAS ESCORTING MRS. MCCLELLAN, IN DISPUTE WITH TWO MVD UNIFORMED OFFICERS. CONSOFF INTERCEDED, AND WAS TOLD BY THE MILITIA THAT THEY WERE ORDERED TO PREVENT MRS. MCCLELLAN FROM ENTERING RESIDENCE. (MRS. MCCLELLAN HAD BEEN INVITED SEVERAL DAYS PREVIOUSLY TO SEE AN AMERICAN FILM.)

2. WHEN CONSOFF ASKED MILITIA FOR DOCUMENTS, HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE TWO OFFICERS WERE CPT IVANOV AND SENIOR LIEUTENANT SIDROV, BUT DOCUMENTS WERE NOT PRESENTED. IVANOV INFORMED CONSOFF THAT WHILE HE

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WORKED AND LIVED IN MOSCOW HE DID NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO INVITE SOVIET CITIZENS TO HIS RESIDENCE. CONSOFF BROKE OFF CONVERSATION WHEN MVD OFFICERS PHYSICALLY PREVENTED HIM FROM BRINGING MRS. MCCLELLAN INTO RESIDENCE.

3. FOLLOWING INCIDENT, CONSOFF DROVE MRS. MCCLELLAN

TO FRIEND'S HOME NEAR TAGANKA METRO STATION. HEAVY VEHICULAR SURVEILLANCE WAS ENCOUNTERED, AND CONSOFF'S CAR WAS BUMPED FROM BEHIND. CONSOFF THEN RETURNED TO RESIDENCE.

4. COMMENT: MRS. MCCLELLAN IS CONVINCED THAT THE KGB WAS TRYING TO PREVENT HER CONTACTING SENATOR KENNEDY. SHE LEFT CONFRONTATION WITH MILITIA COMPOSED, AND SAID SHE WOULD CONTACT CONSOFF LATER IN WEEK. END COMMENT.

5. EMBASSY PLANS TO PROTEST INCIDENT WITH NOTE TO MFA.

6. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INFORMING PROFESSOR MCCLELLAN OF INCIDENT, AND REPORTING THAT HIS WIFE WAS NOT HARMED.

7. PRESS GUIDANCE: ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS, WE PLAN TO CONFIRM THAT INCIDENT OCCURRED AND TO STATE THAT A REPRESENTATION WILL BE MADE TO MFA. GARRISON

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